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1. Your forwarding of Provisional Clearances for KIBITZ-191 (MGQW-13878) and KIBITZ-182 (MGQW-14018) was greatly appreciated as it enabled us to really get started on our W/T training program earlier than we anticipated. As mentioned in our Progress Report on Clearances for W/T Operators (MGFA-6501) KIBITZ-177 completed 14 days resident training from 1 on 17 May 1952.

2. [] has had this week free to catch up on necessary paper work and other technical matters; however, it appears (and we hope) that this will be about his last week without a student for the rest of the summer. For right now, he is "booked solid" from 26 May until 28 June. The schedule runs as follows:

26 - 31 May, KIBITZ 191
3 - 14 June, KIBITZ 182
16 - 28 June, KIBITZ 161

3. All of these KIBITZERS are from the KIBITZ-15 show. Number 161 has full clearance (MGKW-10423, 4 September 1951) and we expect to finish him off, W/T-wise, during his resident training in late June.

4. Right now it looks as though July and August will find us with enough W/T students available for training to keep another U.S. instructor, in addition to [] 1, busy for that period. We hope that clearances as requested in MGFA-6501 will arrive in time to set up such a schedule. EUCA, it seems, will be able to assign, temporarily, another instructor to KIBITZ for this "rush season".

5. My efforts on the KIBITZ-15 side of the project during the last month, have been concentrated on getting KIBITZ-15 to weed out of the project those "hangers-on" and "maybe" agents or embryo candidates. I have done this by continually demanding FRQs and/or firm dates for training for those W/T candidates for whom we have clearances. My reasons for this -- as far as KIBITZ-15 is concerned -- were to get some teams completely finished and ready to go on the air at any moment as soon as possible. A second reason -- not for KIBITZ 15's knowledge -- was to put

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the brakes on him so that I wouldn't wake up someday with him having pulled a fait accompli — presenting us with a "little Zipper". Apparently, I have partially succeeded for, during my meeting with KIBITZ-15 on 16 May 1952, he told me that four of his proposed W/T operators were if not out completely, out at least temporarily. Thus, he added, he would not attempt to make out PRQs on them nor schedule them for W/T training at any time in the near future. They are KIBITZERS 197, 158, 168 and 176. (Numbers (11), (18), (19), (20) Annex to MGFA-6501, 9 May 1952).

6. Our KIBITZ-15 shows W/T operators are thus cut down to a total of 16. This, I believe is more than sufficient for KIBITZ-15 to handle at one time and gives us at the same time, a good backlog to work on for the remainder of the year re: W/T training, caching, etc.

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